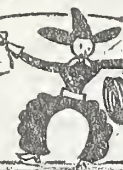


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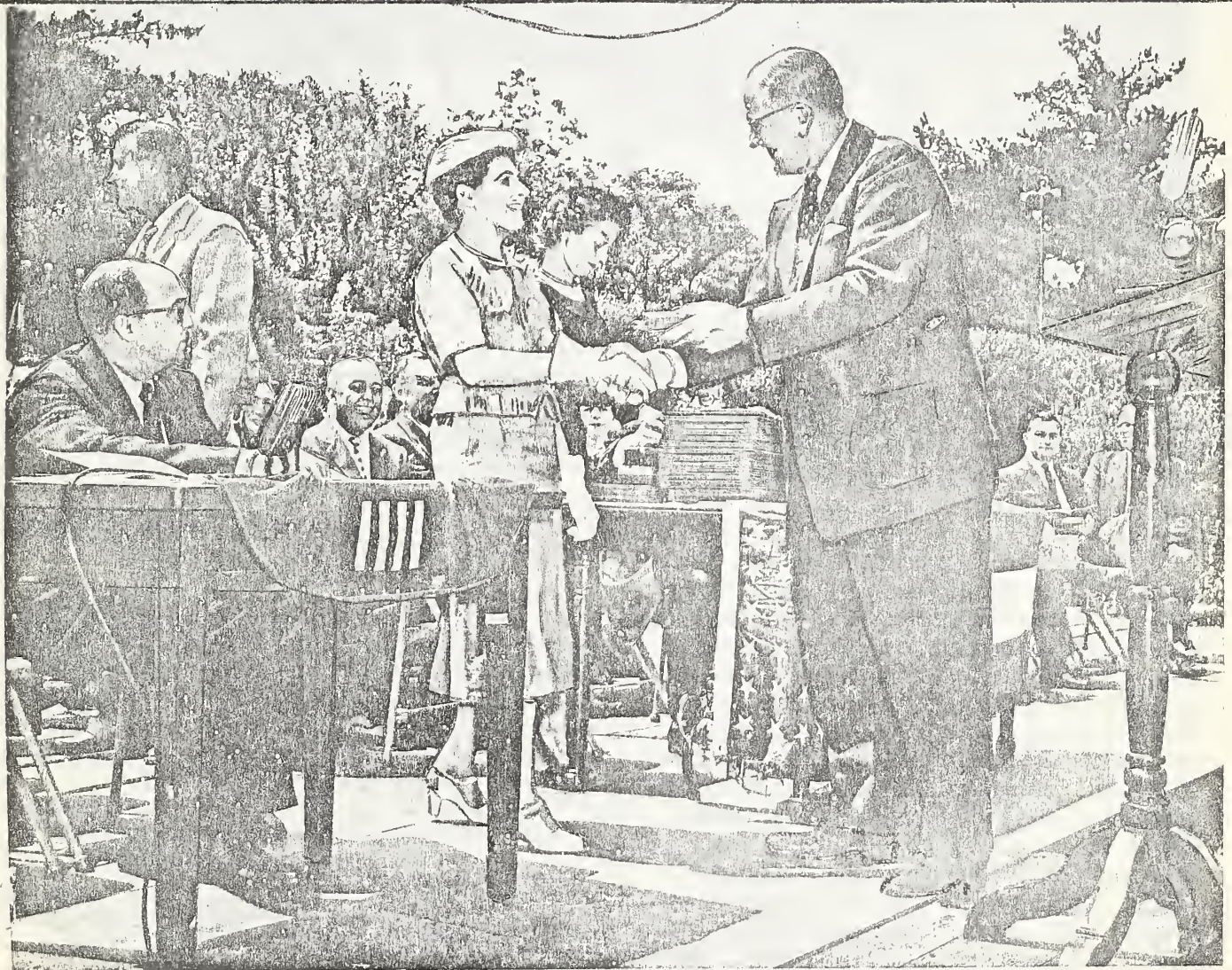
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DALLAS TEXAS



Mauda T. Gray
Farmers Home Administration
"For Superior Service"



HERE'S THE PROOF, FOLKS!

LENA

You deep-sea fishermen of the Dallas CSS Commodity Office who "feed" the fish instead of catching them, please take note: There ARE some whoppers down yonder in the Gulf, and they CAN be hooked.

The gals in the picture--along with a part of their catch--are Lena Terry and Clara Mae Cannefax. On this fishing spree off the coast near Port Aransas they were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Davidson, of Teague Texas--Lena's sister and brother-in-law. Mr. Davidson is employed by the Teague Brick Company which maintains a clubhouse, fishing cruiser (DIJA) and skipper the year-round for the pleasure of their employees and their friends. The trip out (July 4th) was--to put it mildly--plenty rough, with spray from the swells drenching the boat and its occupants. Clara says you're wrong, nobody got sea-sick.

CLARA

After several hours at sea the skipper got in contact with land by radio. This set off the following conversation:

CLARA: "Well, anyway, we're still in touch with land."

LENA: "Yes, but which land--it sounds like ~~land~~ to me!"

Clara vows that, after being pitched and switched ever which way by the boat's gyrations from the playful ocean's swelling waves and foaming troughs, she can qualify not only as a "rock & roll" expert but for any rodeo, as well, provided someone comes up with horse and entrance fee.

Anyone wishing to polish up on their deep sea fishing technique should get in touch with these lady mariners. They plan to brave the briney deep again as soon as another invitation is forthcoming from the forecattle.

Their catch: Red Snapper, kingfish--a great thrill, as they are gamy fighters--trout, whiting, gaff top, and a pompano, hooked by Clara, who cooked it a la Antoine's of New Orleans.

Superior Service Awards

FOUR FHA FOLK JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON TO RECEIVE HONOR AWARDS



Herman F. Myall



Nettie Sims Benson SECT'Y.



ASTON W. COLE

FHA folks shown above and on cover, were honored in a ceremony in Washington, D.C. in the Annual USDA Honor Awards Ceremonies with USDA Secretary Ezra Taft Benson handing out the awards. Other FHA employees not pictured who received cash awards and certificates are: Miss Mildred Sullivan, State Office, Mrs. Priscilla Wilcox, Paducah office, Mrs. Gladys Carroll, Gilmer, Mrs. Opal Gray, Belton, Miss Ruth Hollister, Center, Clarence Symes, Abilene, and starting the new fiscal year are: Mrs. Anna Ellis, Decatur, Joe J. Clounts, Jr., Crockett, and Robert Wells, Meridian. **FHA FOLK ARE WIDE-AWAKE TO THE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED UNDER THE AWARDS PROGRAM. ARE YOU?**

A.M.S. Cotton Division

The Cotton Division has just recently completed two new Cotton Classing Offices at Austin and Abilene. The third office under construction is at Lubbock. These offices embody the ultimate in classing offices. Humidity control in the sample room and complete air conditioning for all working areas was included.

The Austin and Abilene Offices contain approximately 5,000 square feet and about 2,000 of that is in the sample room proper where 40 Macbeth Examolites have been installed. This permits a light of 80 to 90 foot candles and is equivalent to daylight.

The Lubbock Office will be ready about September 15 and contains 17,500 square feet with about 9,500 square feet in the sample room. This room contains 210 Examolites and is sufficient for 60 cotton classers. This one office alone generally employs about 150 temporary classers, clerks and laborers during the classing season. More than 1,300,000 bales were classed in Lubbock this past season.

All Classing Offices in the Southwestern Area are now air conditioned and equipped with artificial classing lights. The Cotton Division is justly proud of these modern offices and they are a far cry from the early classing offices occupied in the late 1920's.

*-LaRue Burroughs.

Obituaries

MRS. MARY E. ENRIGHT

Requiem Mass was read for Mrs. Mary Evangeline Enright, former Commodity Office employee, Friday August 24, at Christ the King Church.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Dallas. Van, she was affectionately known by her many and loyal friends, had been ill since last February. She came to the Commodity Office in January, 1948, following the death of her husband, Dan E., a USA employee, and remained in June, 1953, to join the Conway Oil Co., Dallas.

Mrs. Enright is survived by three teen-age children, Patrick, David, and Jo Ellen; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Keefe and a sister, Mrs. Eileen Marsh, all of Dallas.

JOE. E. HILTON

Funeral services for Joe Edwin Hilton, formerly with the Area Finance Office, F H A, were held Wednesday, August 29 after Mr. Hilton passed away as a result of self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

Survivors include his small son, Mike, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Hilton, and a sister, Mrs. Lewis Tucker, all of Dallas.

Since our last issue our U S D A Family has been saddened by the loss of Mr. Ralph Easley, brother of Mrs. Hector Meyer, CSS; Mr. Edward A. Curtis, father of Elizabeth Hughes, FHA, the husband of Mrs. Jewel
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NURSES AIDE WORK OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES

-Classes Open in September-

By Mildred Yeager

Have you ever thought that you would like to be a nurse and yet you're already far along toward a career in some other field? Then why not take one of the orientation classes at Baylor Hospital and be a volunteer assistant for a few hours each week?

Applications must be submitted before September 15 in order to take the orientation class on September 27 from 5:30 to 9:30 p. m. Applications from all denominations are accepted.

What It Means to Be a Nurse

If you want something to really broaden your thinking and outlook on life, this work may fit your need. The nurse enjoys her work because of the knowledge that her's is more than a 'job'. She knows that she has a vital part in the ministry of healing humanity's hurts and welcomes her opportunities to aid the sick. You wonder what inspired nursing in the heart of each one who chose the profession. Maybe it was the story of the Good Samaritan, maybe some personal experience or loss, or maybe just the Christian spirit of "doing unto others". Whatever it was, the compensation is not only in dollars and cents.

The volunteer worker will not receive compensation in dollars and cents but in the satisfaction of

helping those who cannot help themselves and the realization that your soul never grows if you accept money for everything you do. The finer emotions of the human heart are stimulated as you assist nurses and doctors in the hospital, which may be called a place where joy and sorrow meet. Who of us does not need to develop the human responses to each in order that we may have a more meaningful life? Many lasting friendships have had their source because of having the personality to share each with our fellow-man, even strangers.

Is there a livelier place than Pediatrics -- a happier place than maternity -- a more dramatic place than the Operating Room -- a more tragic place than a Medical-Surgical Ward when a loved one has passed away? Being a nurse means seeing all of these things, feeling all these emotions.

To assist a nurse means to work as one, in a common purpose with the nurse, doctor, technicians, aides, orderlies, maids and porters - all who have given so much of themselves. Nursing is compassion for those who are suffering, it is the knowledge that each day holds new opportunities and new experiences. To be a nurse means all of this and more and as a volunteer assistant you taste of these things and any time or service you render, rebounds to you in a greater amount.

The work is not always easy but one must give in order to receive and there will be a strengthening of loyalty to the task.

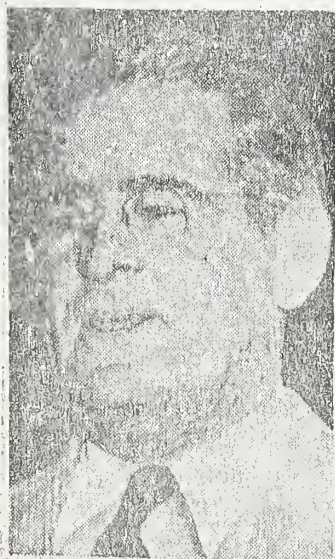
New F.H.A. Head



K E R M I T H. H A N S E N

Farmers Home Administration has a new administrator, recently appointed by President Eisenhower to replace Mr. Robert B. McLeaish, who resigned June 19 because of ill health.

Mr. Kermit H. Hansen, pictured above, is the new administrator. He was formerly Iowa State Director of FHA and prior to that was a long-time employee of Soil Conservation Service in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. He comes to FHA with almost 20 years experience in agricultural work. A navy veteran, Mr. Hansen is married, has one small daughter, Mary Louise.



R O B T. B. M C L E A I S H
... resignation accepted

SEVERAL IMPORTANT CHANGES MADE IN THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

H.R. 7619, passed by the Congress in the closing days before adjournment and signed by the President to become effective October 1, amends and liberalizes the Federal Retirement Act in several major aspects that will affect all Civil Service employees and certain others not now covered by Civil Service Retirement Regulations. These are as follows:

a) employee retirement deductions increased to $6\frac{1}{2}$ percent beginning with the first pay period after Sept. 30. Each Agency will match employee deductions, beginning in July, 1957--this money to be deposited in the general retirement fund instead of the individual's retirement account; b) to increase annuities to retiring employees (and widows) a more liberal formula for computing annuities, beginning with 1 percent plus \$25.00, or $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent first five years service, $1\frac{1}{4}$ percent the next five years, and 2 percent for the remainder of all service; all computations being based on the highest five years average salary; c) a lower reduction rate in retirement annuities to those retiring before age 60; d) a minimum disability annuity; e) higher children's annuities; f) survivor annuities for dependent widowers; g) refunds to separated employees after 20 or more years service; h) no interest paid on refunds after December 31, 1956 to separated employees with 5 or more years civilian service.

All these changes are to be made within the present framework of the Federal Retirement System. All proposals before the Congress to merge our retirement system with Social Security were defeated. From an actuarial standpoint the clause permitting agencies to match employee deductions greatly strengthens the Fund.

CSS SECRETARIES GIVEN TRAINING ON TELEPHONE USE.

By Mildred Yeager

At staggered meetings in June 1956 of Dallas CSS secretaries and others who have telephonic duties, A. Howard Allison, Personnel Officer, Dallas CSS Commodity Office, introduced Miss Charlotte Straughn, business office supervisor of training of the local Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, who conducted open discussions and gave pointers on the correct use of the telephone and proper telephone conversations in order to secure promptness, friendliness and efficiency in business operations.

Allison stressed the importance of telephonic communications since the secretaries many times have the opportunity of talking first to people desiring to do business with the Agency and can create a very important impression on the general public.

In conclusion a movie was shown illustrating in a humorous way the right and wrong techniques of telephone usage and conversation. The movie stressed the point that all employees must work in cooperation with each other if efficiency in telephonic communications is to be achieved.

Allison placed a booklet **TELEPHONE MANNERS**, a USDA, Office of Personnel, Washington, D. C., publication, slightly revised January 1956, sponsored by MacHenry Schafer, Director of Personnel, in the hands of each secretary. This publication was supplemented by complimentary booklets entitled "How to Make Friends

by Telephone" and "Telephone Personality Tips" furnished by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company of Dallas.

UNDERSECRETARY SCOTT

A BUSY MAN!



DIRECTOR AGRICULTURAL CREDIT

Undersecretary Scott is rapidly becoming "Texanized". His duties in the past few weeks have brought him to the state twice from his Washington office--once to help set up the new FHA loan program, and once to inspect drouth-stricken counties participating in the FHA-CSS Emergency Feed Program.

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Born to Mr. & Mrs. David M. Wells, a Daughter, **BETSY DENISE**, Aug. 6 to join Big Sister Diane.

Born to Mr. & Mrs. David B. Jones, a son, **DAVID RANDAL**, Aug. 28 (Their second).

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Mize, a Son, **JOHN HOWARD**, July 31. (Their third.) Jimmie is related to "Slugger" Mize of the Majors. (When he's hitting)

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Don Moffitt, a Daughter, **DIANE LAVERNE**, (Number 1!)

OBITUARIES

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McLeod, Mr. James O. McLeod, (CSS); Mr. Henry Pollard, Brother-in-law of Miss Margaret Huber, (FHA); and Mrs. Rollins, Wife of Mr. Lawrence Rollins, CSS Commodity Office.

The USDA News extends sincere condolences to all who suffer bereavement.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

WELCOMES

NEW EMPLOYEES

Esther Hyde, Wallace Warren, Mary Baynes, Jones Vestal and Jan Wilson.

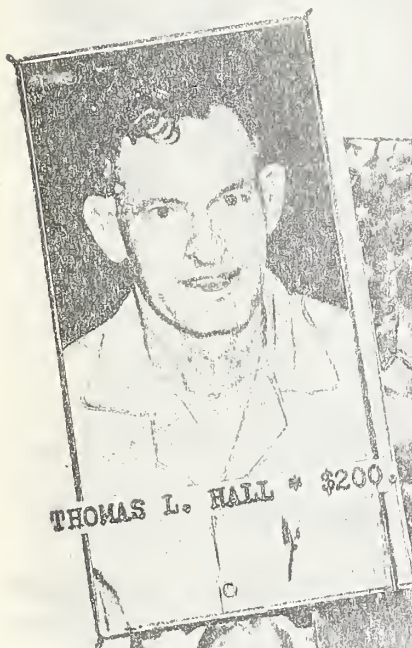
Superior Service Awards

THEY SHOWED THE WAY
IN THE FISCAL YEAR END-
ING JUNE 30, '56!

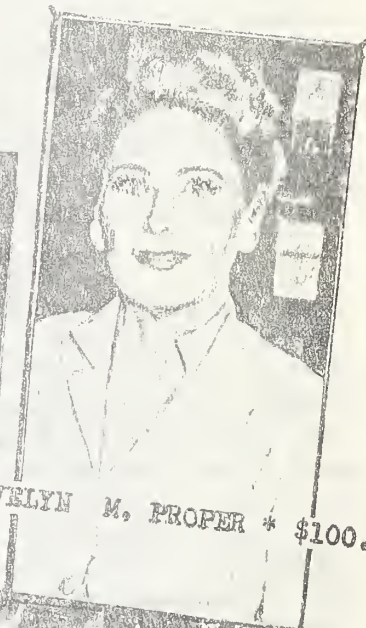
IT COULD BE
YOU THIS YEAR!



ORAL W. McDONALD * \$100.



THOMAS L. HALL * \$200.

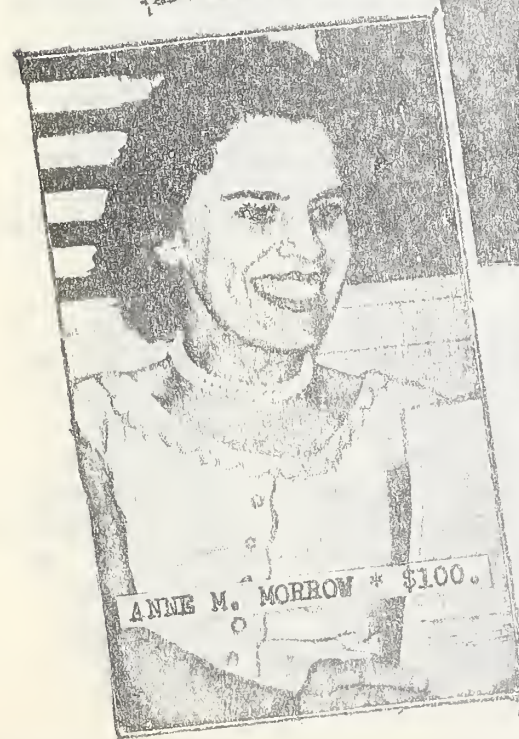


VELYN M. PROPER * \$100.



ESTON E. DENNARD * \$800.

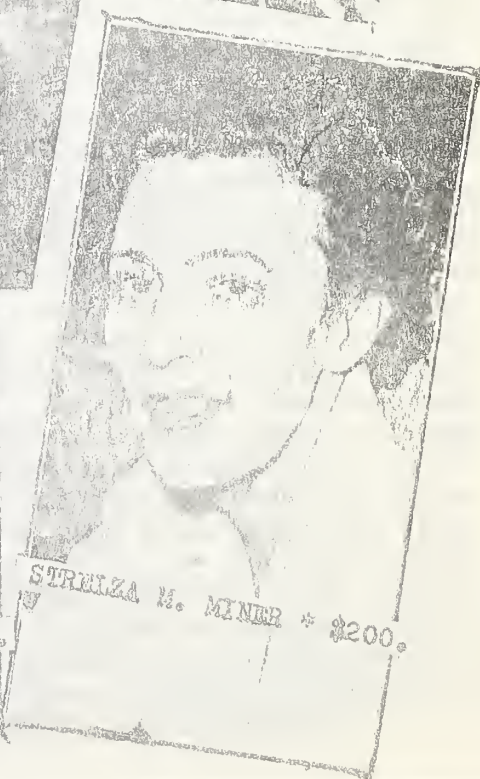
SECRETARY DENSON



ANNE M. MORROW * \$100.



KATHERINE W. ALLISON * \$200.



STERLIZA M. MINER * \$200.

FIRST ANNUAL OSS-Y (PRONOUNCED SASSY)

AWARDS ANNOUNCED. (1956)

The recent awards for Superior Service, etc., were good for the morale of us all and were justly deserved, but to me, some of them seemed just a bit lofty, and most of us cannot reasonably expect to be singled out for such wide recognition. Hereby I give you another list of workers who may take pride (or something) in what I consider to be their major contributions to the Dallas CSS Commodity Office.

Awards

Best Dressed Woman Worker: THELMA NEELY,
With 4 N-M labels to spare.
Best Dressed Man (Conservative): SEEVE
RODGERS (but slipping a bit). Best Dressed
Man (flashy): Jerry Davis (slight slump).
Most Kidded Woman: MARY GRIFFIN (Also the
best joke teller).
Most Kidded Man: GRADY HUFFMAN AND LAMBERT
BEMELMANS, Tied; (Nosing out ROY HUTCHISON)
Most Courteous: Man, LAWRENCE ROLLINS,
Woman, MARGUERITE DOWLEN.
Handsome: ROY NEAL (Also the most chips,
Girls, I'm advised).
Prettiest (Adult): Lots of opinions here
but the consensus is BARBARA BOONE.
(The College Crew is not eligible, as we
don't get to see enough of them) (Is that
the way I meant to say that?)
Saltiest speech: Men, MARSHALL BOND;
Women, uh, uhm-m, uh-h, EVELYN PROPER.
Most Versatile coiffure: LEE WASSON
Most Pleasant Perfume: LOUISE NOYES
Best Liked Supervisors: (Lower level)
BILL CAMPBELL; (Higher level) BOB BAIRD
Most Cheerful & Cooperative: EVELYN GATH-
INGS, With LEOTA SMITH a close runner-up.
Most Amusing: RAY ADAMS
Most Distinguished Looking: (Men) JOHN
BALL (TULANE SMITH, 2nd); (Women) BERYL
ASHCRAFT, (CORDELIA KIRKPATRICK, 2nd)
Least "Citified": JIM YORK (GEORGE Mc-
PHERSON, close).
Easiest To Laugh: JANIE HATLEY (CARRIE
WINTER not far behind).
Prettiest Handwriting: BILL KRETSINGER,
ELMER MORRIS (needs to work on his slice)

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MORE USDA HONOR AWARDS

(FOR ALL TO SHOOT AT)

Superior Service Awards


 A.S.C.
ROBERT B. CROCKER
WICHITA CO.

 WALTER Y. WELLS
LUBBOCK CO.

Superior Service Unit Award

CSS COMMODITY OFFICE, DALLAS.

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CSS EMPLOYEE SUFFERS FATAL ATTACK

Mr. Carroll A. Loeffler, employee of the Dallas CSS Commodity Office, Traffic Management, was taken by death while at work, about noon, Tuesday, Sept. 11. He had been ill a few days but had reported back to work Tuesday morning. He was a quiet, unassuming worker well-liked by his co-workers. He resided at the downtown YMCA. Mr. Loeffler is survived by a brother, Mr. Lee E. Loeffler, of Houston. Funeral arrangements have not been completed as we go to press.

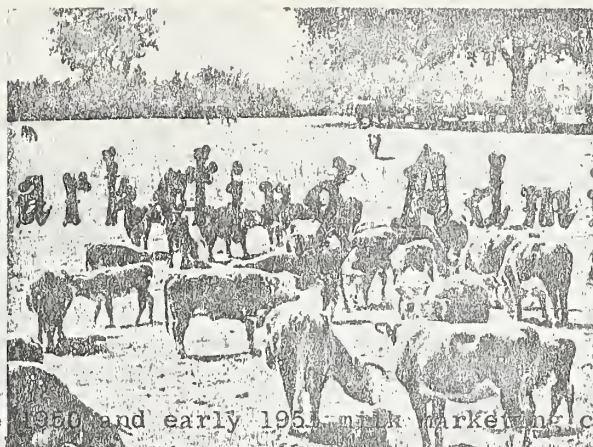
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Mr. Rector Meyer is wanting to know what to do with someone who has been presented with a going-away present and then refuses to go away. Further enlightenment may be forthcoming from Rector or Carole McAlexander, the one who stayed on after smoking the ciggies all up.

(With an assist from Beanie Dupre and Clarence Baggett, Commodity Office.)

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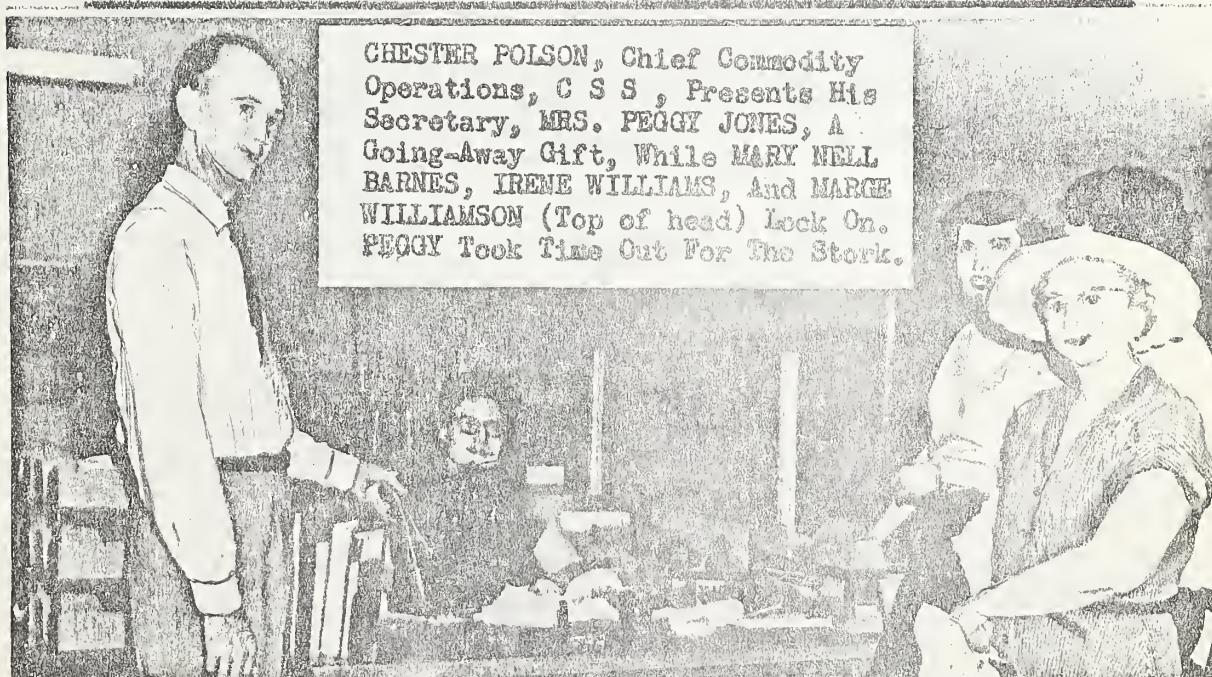
Milk Marketing Administration



During late 1950 and early 1951, milk marketing conditions in the North Texas area prompted producers in the area to petition the Secretary of Agriculture for the issuance of a Federal Milk Marketing Order to regulate the orderly marketing of their milk. As a result of preliminary investigations by the Department of Agriculture and a public hearing, an order was issued which became effective October 1, 1951.

Each order provides for the appointment, by the Secretary of Agriculture, of an agent to administer the terms and provisions of the regulations as it applies to the marketing area. This agent, known as a market administrator, receives reports from handlers relative to their receipts and utilization of milk, and is responsible for the auditing of handlers' books and records to insure that farmers are paid in accordance with the prices established under the order for all the milk shipped into the market. His office also calculates and announces the minimum prices for each class of milk and the uniform producer price for the market, according to the formulas specified in the order.

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CHESTER POLSON, Chief Commodity Operations, C S S, Presents His Secretary, MRS. PEGGY JONES, A Going-Away Gift, While MARY NELL BARNES, IRENE WILLIAMS, And MARGE WILLIAMSON (Top of head) Look On. PEGGY Took Time Out For The Stork.

MILK MARKETING ADMINISTRATION * * * *

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As a further protection to farmers not members of a qualified producer co-operative, the market administrator is responsible for check weighing and testing the milk as it is received at plants of handlers. The cost of performing this latter service is borne by the producers receiving the service, while the general administrative work of the entire order is financed by an assessment levied against the handlers subject to the regulation. The rate of assessment is established by the order, and usually varies in amount from 1 to 5 cents per 100 pounds of milk, depending on the size of the market and the amount of services rendered. Data submitted by individual handlers are confidential information, but the information so obtained can be combined and submitted in such a way that it is beneficial to the entire market.

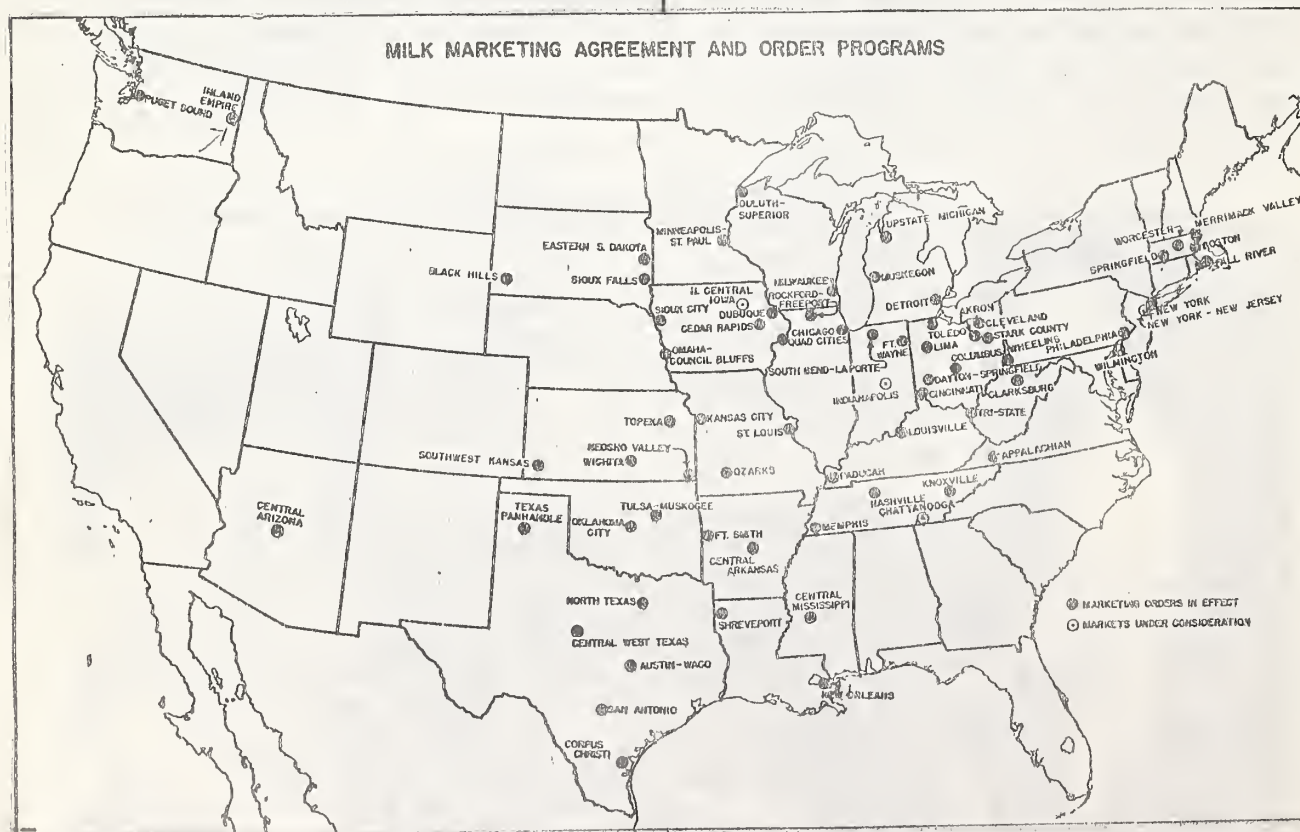
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LATEST U S D A SURVEY SHOWS

MILK MARKETING ORDERS INCREASING

Approximately one-third of all the milk sold wholesale by U.S. Farmers is marketed under terms of Federal milk marketing orders. This means that about half the urban population of the U.S. is being served through milk marketing orders by approximately 190,000 farmers operating under them. This contrasts sharply with the days when farmers lacked cooperative marketing bargain power and were often powerless in the grip of ruinous price fluctuations. There were price wars which sometimes led to violence and the dumping of milk on the ground.

Federal Milk Orders establish an orderly system of marketing under which the farmer receives a fair price for his milk. They may not be issued until requested by dairy farmers affected and must be approved by at least two-thirds of the dairy farmers affected by the marketing order.



"Operation Alert" Found USDA Ready!

When "Operation Alert" was sounded at 9:16 July 20 U S D A folk went in- to action like a well-oiled machine, and the overall performance of those taking part drew commendatory praise from Mr. Welcome W. Wilson, Region 5 Civil Defense Administrator. In the words of another official it is well that there were so few "snafus" be- cause if the practice alert is ever replaced by the real thing one mis- take can cause catastrophe. That, in a nutshell, is the reason for the week-long operation: to iron out the "bugs" and see how well the planning will pay off if real tragedy instead of the mock one strikes.

We will not attempt to give a comprehensive review of it because it is not the intention of the C-D folks to tip our hand to any enemy that might be listening, but we are going to list some of those who in some cases made real sacrifices to take part in the exercises that may someday spell the difference between victory and defeat for our country, should atomic clouds burst overhead.

This is not a comprehensive list but merely representative. And the duties of some listed were real "top secret". The list follows:

Raymond J. Totoro, Food Dis- tribution, Kate C. Moore, Walter T. McKay, W.E. Far- well and Tulane Smith, Farmers Home Administration, James T. Caruth, Arvin E. Morris, George R. Mc- Pherson, Billy J. Cox, Clara M. Cannefax, Janie J. Hatley, Lois M. Yeager, Patricia A. Elliott, Ruth J. Landers, Pearl M. Miller, Nellie R. Murray, Maxine J. Queen, Carol R. Squire, Lena R. Ward, and Edith M. West, all CSS C ommodity Office, and P.L. Sebastian, Food Dis- tribution.



FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION REGION FIVE DENTON, TEXAS Certificate of Appreciation

This Special Certificate is Awarded to

In appreciation for services rendered during Operation Alert, 1956. The personal contribution and performance of duty during this vital Civil Defense test exemplifies a sincere in- terest in the welfare of our nation.

July 20-25, 1956

By *Welcome W. Wilson*
Regional Administrator

It was to these people and others like them that City-County CD Chief B.B. Smith was referring when he said "Trained volunteers will make the difference for survival".

ONE OF NATIONAL JUDGES



State Director

MR. WALTER T. MCKAY, FHA

TEXAS STATE OFFICE, DALLAS

The difficult task of selecting the winners of the national awards from a long list of worthy contenders has been given to Walter T. McKay for the third straight year. As one of the board of judges he must read hundreds of pages recording the qualifications and accomplishments of all who are recommended for U S D A 's highest honor awards.

***SASSY AWARDS, Cont'd...

Keenest Memory: HARRY GILLIAM
 Most Likable: BUCKY CARR
 Neatest: MARGE ANGEL
 Sweetest: MARGE WILLIAMSON
 Foot In Mouth Oftenest: D A V E M.
 W E L L S (for writing this)

Why don't you go over this list and put your own choices down and send 'em to me in care of the editor. If I get enough of them I'll be glad to tabulate them for all to see...Lest you think Ol' Dave loves everybody--tho the Good Book says I should I conclude with this Biblical reference: "Other Sheep Have I Which Are Not Of This Fold".

Vacation Fun.

Misses Mildred McBurnett and Margaret Huber were part of a group vacationing on the coast, and it appears that their agency, Farmers Home Administration, is well represented almost everywhere. They went fishing on the good ship "Rosabel" off the Corpus coast and found the owner aboard, and she turned out to be Mrs. Lou WilProctor, an ex-Farm Security Home Supervisor. Their boat trip was complicated somewhat when the engine went dead. Distress rockets went up promptly and not so promptly--five hours later in fact, a shrimp boat hove to and towed them in. Meanwhile, as befits all good FHA-ers, Mrs. Proctor made her guests comfortable and passed around the cokes. Later Mildred and Margaret spent some time on the great King Ranch and saw Middle Ground and Assault, prides of the King Ranch racing stable. They then headed South "down Mexico way" and in Saltillo met Jerry Howard, fugitive from the FHA Finance Office. Friends of Jerry will be shocked to learn that he finally made it: he was enjoying a happy honeymoon.

New Rangerette

Doug Lockman, Fiscal section, CSS Commodity Office, has a very happy daughter these days. She recently wired her parents that she had been accepted as a member of the famous Kilgore Rangerettes. Since competition for membership is strong the little lady has a right to feel a bit proud. As this year's itinerary of the Rangerettes includes appearances at Miami, Los Angeles, and Madison Square Garden among others this little Texas beauty will really get around.



Louise